

activist and plumbing manufacturers joined forces to expand the size of our already bloated government and push for a national policy on, of all things, plumbing products. With the help of the U.S. Department of Energy, this coalition claimed it was essential to ban certain types of toilets and showerheads. Instead of allowing individuals to make their own choices, this group claimed the federal government should choose the types of plumbing fixtures Americans can use in their private and public bathrooms.

Since passage of the 1992 EPA, the voices in opposition to this policy have become loud and clear. I first became aware of the problems our national plumbing laws have created when I began to receive complaints from a variety of frustrated individuals. These discontented consumers, plumbers, remodelers, landlords, home builders, and others were upset their new, expensive toilets were repeatedly clogging and consistently required multiple flushes. Obviously, these new products were not saving water and therefore proved counterproductive to the original intent of the legislation.

To date, I have received thousands of calls, letters, and faxes from individuals all across the country, and the political spectrum, who support restoring common sense to our government and reducing the enormous burden placed on them by inefficient and needless government mandates. The message is clear, and often written on toilet paper: "Get the government out my bathroom!"

While support for ending these mandates has steadily grown, the importance of this issue has grown even further. Currently, the Department of Energy is considering a ban on top-loading washing machines as well as certain types of water heaters, fluorescent lamps, central air conditioners, and other common products used by American every day. In addition to providing relief for those suffering under plumbing fixture laws, we must pass this bill to ensure the voice reason is heard before additional mandates are enacted.

The American marketplace works well, but only if consumers are allowed to buy the products they desire. If some consumers want tiny toilets or trickling showerheads, the economy will provide these products without the burden of federal decrees. In addition, if state and local governments wish to establish their own plumbing policies, they are free to do so. Unfortunately, our failed policy on plumbing fixtures has strangled the market, created innumerable headaches, and put us at risk of suffering under further one-size-fits-all mandates. Now is the time to heed the call of suffering Americans, pass the Plumbing Standards Improvement Act of 1999 and restore wisdom to our federal government.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK BALAJADIA MANIBUSAN

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OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam lost a distinguished veteran on Sun-

day, January 24, 1999. Frank Balajadia Manibusan, one of the first Chamorros ever to enlist in the United States Navy, passed away at the age of 81 in Union City, California after a long illness.

Born in Santa Cruz, Hagåtña on February 10, 1917, Frank's military career gave him the chance to witness several significant events in our nation's history. The eldest son child of Juan and Soledad Manibusan, Frank joined the Navy in 1939. This enlistment placed him at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese air attack on the Naval Base was launched on December 7, 1941, prompting the involvement of the United States in World War II. As a member of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's personal staff, he later witnessed the official end of the war as Japanese representatives signed an unconditional surrender aboard the U.S.S. *Missouri* in 1945. He retired with the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer (E8) in 1960.

The late Frank Balajadia Manibusan left a legacy of service held with pride by the island of Guam and its people. On behalf of the people of Guam, I offer my condolences and join his widow, Brigida, and their children, Darlene, Frances, Leilani, Frank and Jesse in mourning the loss and celebrating the life of a distinguished son of Guam.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 1999, may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 10

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on Department of Labor budget initiatives.

SD-430

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business Meeting to markup S. 82, to authorize appropriations for Federal Aviation Administration.

SR-253

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Montie R. Deer, of Kansas, to be chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings on United States Trade Agreements compliance focusing on international dispute settlement and domestic enforcement measures.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 106th Congress, and their subcommittee assignments.

S-116, Capitol

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

Armed Services

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program.

SH-216

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business Meeting to markup S. 313, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999, and the proposed Financial Regulatory Relief and Economic Efficiency Act of 1999.

SD-538

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on the proposed budget request for the Department of Education.

SD-430

1 p.m.

Budget

To resume hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000.

SD-608

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings on national defense budget issues.

SD-608

FEBRUARY 22

1 p.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine the impact of certain individual accounts contained in Social Security reform proposals on women's current Social Security benefits.

SD-628

FEBRUARY 23

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on Department of Education reform issues.

SD-430